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Mathew is doing awesome! He and his sister are 13 now, 8th graders, going into high school next year.

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41 YEARS OF FESTIVAL

A Letter from Astoria Scandinavian Festival Association Co-chairs Loran Mathews and Katrina Ivanoff

The 41st year of the Astoria Scandinavian Festival is upon us. Where did the time go? What began as a one-day celebration has turned into a full weekend of family, friends and fun. In 2000, the Scandinavian Festival moved to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Here you will find the Scandinavians of Clatsop County celebrating Midsummer the third weekend of June. The beautiful view of the hills, fields and trees really lends itself to our celebration.

The festival is an absolute delight for the senses — watching and listening to the coronation, the dancers, singers and musicians, tasting and smelling all the wonderful foods, viewing the beautiful crafts that are for sale. It is a great way to spend a weekend with the family.

2008 brings Naustedalen Spelemannslag from Norway by way of generous support from our festival sponsors. Famous accordionist Paul Smith and his band will be visiting the festival

this year, and don't miss the Saturday evening concert by the Finnish Choral Society of Seattle. New this year is a Viking encampment and don't forget the Troll Run is set for Saturday morning.

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is an all-volunteer association. Without the hard work of so many, we would not have the unique celebration of Astoria's Scandinavian heritage. We would like to thank all of our volunteers, our sponsors and the people of the greater Astoria area for supporting the festival. We hope that you enjoy it as much as we do.

Let's share a weekend of unique Scandinavian heritage and make new memories.

See you there,
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\$2 per day
\$5 for a weekend parking pass



2008 FESTIVAL INFORMATION

41st Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival June 20, 21 & 22 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds

The Astoria Scandinavian Festival Association is looking forward to our 41st anniversary. The festival will be held at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, less than five minutes out of Astoria on Oregon Highway 202. This year, the dates are Friday through Sunday, June 20 through 22. Admission is \$6 for an adult three-day souvenir button, \$2 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and younger. Parking is \$2 per day or \$5 for a weekend pass. The Festival Association invites everyone to attend and celebrate.

This year, the featured entertainment is Naustedalen Spelemannslag from Norway. They will be performing at various times during the weekend.

The festival opens at 2 p.m. Friday. Booths will be open for business. A salmon dinner will be served by the Astoria Lions Club. The grand kickoff of the Astoria Scandinavian Festival happens Friday evening with the selection and crowning of Miss Scandinavia 2008. The festival court is made up of young women from the area who have spent time learning about their own Scandinavian heritage and customs and sharing them with local organizations. After the coronation, follow Miss Scandinavia and her court to the bonfire to burn hexes for good luck. Following the hex burning, it is time to dance the night away. Don't be shy – dancing here is for all skill levels. Come polka, waltz, hambo or schottische. No doubt the "Chicken Dance" will call everybody to the dance floor to shake his or her tailfeathers. For grownups who work up a thirst, the Wet Dog Café will be providing a beer garden Friday until midnight and Saturday from noon to midnight with the Olney countryside. (This event was previously held Sunday morning.) Follow the crowd downtown, weather per-

mitting, where there will be an Optog (walking parade) through downtown Astoria. Return to the fairgrounds for the flag raising ceremony as well as the raising of the Midsummer Pole. Events and entertainment continue all day. Luncheon will be served by Vasa Lodge, featuring Swedish Pea Soup. There is something for everyone – food, dancing, music, colorful folk costumes and crafts will be found during this Midsummer celebration. Watch out for the Troll. He is a notorious kisser. Don't forget the Viking Feast. This scrumptious meal is very popular. Once again, the talented folks of the Scandinavian Café are doing the cooking and dinner will be served. Paul Smith and his band will be visiting the festival this year. Don't miss the evening concert by the Finnish Choral Society of Seattle. Stay for the dance featuring Naustedalen Spelemannslag from Norway.

Visiting Astoria Sunday? The day begins with the famous Rotary Pannukakku breakfast. There will be a nondenominational church service after breakfast. Entertainment, food and fun continue throughout the day. At 4 p.m., the winner of the grand prize – round trip tickets for two to Scandinavia – and many other fabulous prizes will be drawn at the closing ceremonies.

Astoria has historically been known for its Scandinavian heritage. Many area residents are able to trace their own heritage back for generations. Local lodges include the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Ladies of Kaleva, Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway and Vasa Lodge.

Check the Web site www.astoriascanfest.com for updates and information as it becomes available, or call the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce at (800) 875-6807.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Friday, June 20

- 2 to 6 p.m. Booths open
- Beer Garden open 3 p.m. to midnight
- 4 to 6 p.m. Vern & Jeanne Lindquist
- 7 to 11 p.m. J.W.'s Wagon Wheel Band

INDOOR ARENA

- 5 to 7 p.m. Brownsmead Flats
- 7 p.m. Coronation of Miss Scandinavia 2008 and program

EXHIBIT HALL

- 4:30 p.m. Salmon dinner by the Astoria Lions Club
- 9 p.m. to midnight Queen's Ball, music by The Scandinavian Country Band
- Dusk Torchlight parade and hex burning bonfire

Saturday, June 21

- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Booths open
- 10 a.m. Optog walking parade through downtown Astoria
- Beer Garden open noon to midnight
- 1 to 3 p.m. Vern & Jeanne Lindquist
- 3 to 5 p.m. Einar Eimhjellens Gammaldans Orkester
- 5 to 8 p.m. Paul Smith and Band
- 8 to 11 p.m. To be announced



OUTDOOR STAGE AND LAWN

- Noon Flag raising ceremony
- 12:30 p.m. Raising of the Midsummer Pole
- 2 p.m. Katrilli Finnish Folk Dancers
- 3 p.m. Leikarringen of Portland, folk dancers

INDOOR ARENA

- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Barnfest children's activities
- 11 a.m. Nordlys Folk Dancers
- 1 to 2 p.m. Jam session
- 2 to 2:30 p.m. VASA Youth Group, folk dancers
- 2:45 to 4 p.m. Scandinavian dance lessons, public welcome
- 4 to 5 p.m. Parade of Native Costumes
- 5 to 6 p.m. Leikarringen of Portland, folk dancers
- 7 p.m. Seattle Finnish Choir

EXHIBIT HALL

- 7 to 11 a.m. Scandinavian Café breakfast
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swedish Pea Soup lunch by Vasa Lodge
- 10 a.m. to noon Vern & Jeannie Lindquist
- Noon to 1 p.m. Katrilli Finnish Folk Dancers
- 1 to 2 p.m. Viking, Nordic & Scandia Dancers of Astoria

- 2 to 3 p.m. Nordlys Folk Dancers
- 3 to 4 p.m. "Scandinavians in WWII" lecture
- 4 to 5 p.m. Vocalist Maria Mannisto
- 5 to 6 p.m. Viking, Nordic & Scandia Dancers of Astoria
- 6 to 7 p.m. Katrilli Musicians
- 4 to 7 p.m. Scandinavian Café dinner
- 8 p.m. to midnight Dance with Einar Eimhjellens Gammaldans Orkester

Sunday, June 22

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booths open

INDOOR ARENA

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barnfest children's activities
- Noon to 1 p.m. Accordion music with local musicians
- 1 to 3 p.m. Einar Eimhjellens Gammaldans Orkester
- 3 to 4 p.m. Viking, Nordic & Scandia Dancers of Astoria

EXHIBIT HALL

- 7 to 11 a.m. Pannukaku breakfast by Astoria Rotary Club
- 11 a.m. Interdenominational Worship Service
- Noon to 3 p.m. Swedish Pea Soup lunch by Vasa Lodge
- Noon to 1 p.m. Viking, Nordic & Scandia Dancers of Astoria
- 2 to 3 p.m. Accordion music with local musicians
- 4 p.m. Closing ceremony and raffle drawing



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**SENIOR COURT
CHAPERONE**

KRISTIN OJA VESTBO

The Senior Court Chaperone is Kristin Oja Vestbo of Astoria. She is married to Daniel J. Vestbo of Aalborg, Denmark. They have a 1-year-old son, Anders. Kristin is a member of the Lower Columbia Danish Society and is active with the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. She is employed by the State of Oregon as a Park Ranger at Fort Stevens State Park, as well as being a full-time mother. When not trying to keep up with her son, she enjoys the outdoors, cooking, singing, swimming and spending time with family and friends.



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MISS NORWAY

BRIDGET KAHN

Senior Miss Norway is Bridget Kahn, daughter of Stan and Carol Kahn. Grandparents are Ann and Ralph Peitsch. Bridget has an older brother, Patrick Kahn. She is a junior at Knappa High School and is involved in FFA. Bridget's interests include 4-H, scrapbooking, hunting with her uncles and fishing. She also is involved with a Christian youth group and attends conferences and concerts. Also, she'd like to be a Christian youth speaker.



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MISS FINLAND

MARISKA WILLIAMSON

Senior Miss Finland is Marika Williamson, daughter of Heli and Bob C. Williamson. Grandparents are Ollie and Sotli Nauha and Pat and Bob L. Williamson. Marika has a sister, Marajia, and a brother, Mathew. Marika graduated from Knappa High School this year. Her interests are 4-H and horses.



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MISS SWEDEN

KATELYN BJORK

Senior Miss Sweden is Katelyn Bjork, daughter of Kelly Bjork and Wil Bjork. Her grandparents are the late John Glegor and Wilkila Glegor and Roy and Joann Bjork. Katelyn has an older brother, Jake Cheuvront. Katelyn graduated from Astoria High School this year and was involved in pottery classes. Her interests are pottery, animals and fishing.



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MISS DENMARK

COURTNEY RUDAT

Senior Miss Denmark is Courtney Rudat. Her parents are Mary Ann and Randy Hansen and Ken and Patsy Rudat. Courtney is the granddaughter of Jacquye Ostervold and the late Lloyd Ostervold, also the late Fred and Mary Jo Rudat. She has two sisters, Gretchen Rudat and Heidi Hansen and two brothers, Nick and Alex Hansen. Courtney, a 16-year-old junior at Knappa High School, is vice-president of the Knappa FFA Chapter, junior class secretary, a member of National Honor Society and is involved in Knappa's youth group. Courtney's interests include showing cows through 4-H, dancing, running, reading, camping and swimming.



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MISS SCANDINAVIA

EMILY OGREN

Throughout the last year, I have continued to explore my Scandinavian heritage in new ways. It has been a blessing to learn more about my family as well as Scandinavian customs and traditions. I am very excited for the festival this year. It will be a lot of fun.



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2008 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Junior Court

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**JUNIOR COURT
CHAPERONE**
KRISTI MCCAULEY

The Junior Court Chaperone is Kristi McCauley, a native Astorian, local business owner, youth leader at Astoria First Baptist Church and married for 26 years to husband Rod McCauley. They have three children, Benjamin, 22, Andrew, 18, and Miriam, 16. Miriam has been in the Viking Nordic Dancers and Kristi has served as an officer for the dancers. Her Scandinavian heritage comes from the paternal side of her family, Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian. She wears a Swedish costume from the Tunge region of Sweden in honor of her great-grandmother, Emma Carlson.



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JR. MISS NORWAY
AMANDA LADD

Junior Miss Norway, Amanda Ladd, is the daughter of Corey and Roberta Ladd. She is 9 years old and in the third grade at Warrenton Grade School. She is a member of the Viking-Nordic Dancers. Amanda is the granddaughter of Bonnie and Dave Ladd of Hammond. Her uncle and aunt are Kevin and Bernadette Ladd of Warrenton. Her uncle, Kevin Ladd, is a director of the Viking-Nordic Dancers. Amanda's Norwegian heritage can be traced back to her great-great-great-great-grandfather, Nils Amundsen, born in Fla, Norway in 1785. Her great-great-grandmother, Emilia, married Fred Lee from Gjovik, Norway, in 1903 and they settled in northeastern Montana.



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JR. MISS FINLAND
RAJIA MICHELLE JAAKOLA

Junior Miss Finland is 8-year-old Rajia Michelle Jaakola, who was born in Astoria. She is in Mrs. Fisher's second-grade class at Astor Elementary School. Someday she would like to visit her family in Finland. Rajia lives with her parents, Petri and Gordene Jaakola, and big brother, Mikko. She is the granddaughter of Gordon and Janice Haglund and Heikki and Marja Jaakola of Astoria. Her great-grandparents are Reino and Raii Vedenoja, also of Astoria. Rajia's family is from Kalajo, Finland. She is the second generation of Jaakola family to be born in America. Rajia still has many family members who live in Finland. Rajia's Aunt Sanna was Junior Miss Finland in 1986.



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JR. MISS SWEDEN
MADALYN HELLBERG

Junior Miss Sweden is Madalyn Hellberg. She is the daughter of Jon and Melissa Hellberg. Madalyn is 7 years old and is in the first grade at McKinley Elementary School in Salem. Madalyn has one older brother, Kristian Michael, and her dog, Jessica Mae. Madalyn is the granddaughter of Larry and Dea Helligso of Astoria and Joanne and Dick Hellberg of Warrenton and is the great-granddaughter of Carolyn Helligso and the late Chris Helligso, the late Olavi and Helen Savel and the late Carl and Sylvia Hellberg. Madalyn's parents, grandparents and great-grandparents are of Swedish, Finnish, Norwegian and Danish descent.

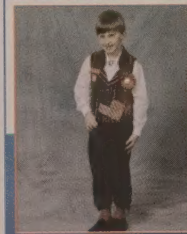


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JR. MISS DENMARK
MIKAYLA FISHER

Junior Miss Denmark is Mikayla Fisher. She is the daughter of Kevin Fisher and Sheri and Keith Garber. Grandparents are Ed and Judy Fisher and Mike and Kathie Brownlie. She is the great-granddaughter of Palmer and June Henningsen, George and Vivian Fisher and Vaughn and Nora Brownlie. Her Danish heritage is from the Henningsen side of the family, as Palmer's father, grandfather and family emigrated here from Denmark in 1902 and settled in the Olney area. Mikayla is in the fifth grade at Brookwood Elementary School in Hillsboro.



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CROWN BEARER
ALEKSANDER MATTHEWS

Crown Bearer is Aleksander "Aleks" Matthews. Aleks is 8 years old and attends John Jacob Astor Elementary School. His parents are Greg and Saara Matthews and he has two younger brothers, Leo and Stian. Aleks' mom was Miss Finland and Miss Scandinavia in 1988. His grandparents are Andy and Majja-Liisa Carlson and Dick and Diane Matthews. His aunt, Katrina Ivanoff, is the festival co-chairwoman and was Miss Finland 1984. Aleks is a member of the Viking-Nordic Dancers and takes hip-hop at Maddox Dance Studio.

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RUNNING OF THE TROLLS



SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is pleased to announce the fifth annual Running of the Trolls Run/Walk! We invite you to join us for a walk or run in the beautiful countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund.

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Date: Saturday, June 21, 2008

Time: Race check-in 7-8 a.m., race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$20. Fee includes: official Running of the Trolls T-shirt, entry button to festival & parking pass (Saturday only), and bottle of water. OR \$15 fee includes entry button to Festival & parking pass (Saturday only) and bottle of water, but no T-shirt.

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Awards: Overall top male and female finisher.

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RUNNING OF THE TROLLS REGISTRATION FORM

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The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival has been celebrating Scandinavian heritage in the Lower Columbia region for 41 years. It began as a fundraiser for a Girl Scout troop in 1967 and has evolved into a weekend of celebration unique to this area. The Festival Association strives to provide fun, entertainment and culture to all who participate. Our mission is to share Scandinavian culture and heritage by promoting and preserving traditional cultural, family and community values for the benefit of future generations. Our hope is to bring a bit of Scandinavia to the Oregon Coast. Visitors have said that the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is the closest they have come to visiting Scandinavia without leaving the United States.

The Midsummer Festival Association would like to continue to maintain its high level of authenticity, and as a sponsor, you can help us keep Scandinavian heritage alive. Your sponsorship will allow the association to continue this unique festival, sharing our heritage and providing high quality family entertainment to our friends and families.

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What will the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association do with my support? The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be celebrating 40 years of Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish heritage in the greater Astoria area. Over the years, we have grown from a one-day event to a three-day Midsummer Festival plus our November Lucia Festival Scholarship Fundraiser. Many entertainers have been brought here from the Scandinavian countries. This year, we will again be bringing quality entertainment to Astoria to celebrate our 41th anniversary. Many scholarships have been awarded to high school students by the festival association and we hope to expand our numbers.

The Association would like to continue our traditions and preserve them for future generations. With your help, we will be able to do so. The festival association strives to provide an experience for all ages. Old Country feelings run deep here. We

would like to take steps now to ensure that future generations will not forget. The festival association hopes to maintain a stable financial picture. To help us in our quest, we created our fundraising sponsorship to provide financial stability for our organization. Thank you for your time and support.

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Lower Columbia Danish Society

Krumkake & Tarts

The Mouse Factory

Nordiskal

Norwegian Beading

The Nutcracker

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Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

1968	Marjorie Yost	1988	Saara Carlson
1969	Carol Johansen	1989	Josie Hemeon
1970	Sirpa Perklomaki	1990	Kristen Jacobsen
1971	Melissa Hill	1991	Melissa Rose
1972	Rhonda Lammi	1992	Allea Thomas
1973	Judy Angberg	1993	Jenny Gustafson
1974	Marianne Larson (crowned)	1994	Amy Goin
	Linda Sjoblom (reigned)	1995	Kerry Stevenson
1975	Karen Niemi	1996	Nilina Salo
1976	Kim Tinner	1997	Jaclyn O'Bryant
1977	Gail Norman	1998	Caryn Nelson
1978	Tina Hess	1999	Amanda Caldwell
1979	Susan Edison	2000	Britta Lynn Blair
1980	Lella Koskela	2001	Kristin Oja
1981	Sigrid Ness	2002	Sara Seeborg
1982	Cheryl Cruzan	2003	Anna Louise Henningsgaard
1983	Julie Lampa	2004	Katherine Marika Arnall
1984	Ann Madsen	2005	Chelsea Ogren
1985	Marja Leena Tila	2006	Maren Holyoak
1986	Donna Brunner	2007	Emily Ogren
1987	Shari Fay		



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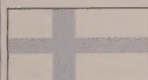
DENMARK

Denmark is not only the oldest kingdom in the world today, it also has the world's oldest flag, the Dannebrog, red with a white cross. As the oldest flag in Scandinavia, the Dannebrog provided the pattern for the other Scandinavian flags. According to legend, it descended "as a sign from heaven" in 1219, turning defeat into victory for the Danish crusaders. The Dannebrog celebrated its 750th anniversary in 1969. The Danes use every festive opportunity to fly their flags and this year's Midsummer Festival will be no exception.



SWEDEN

The Swedish flag is a yellow cross on a light blue field. There are many reasons for the Swedish flag being blue and yellow. They are the outstanding colors in the northern land. The flowers, the lakes, yellow cornfields against the blue of a summer's sky and the blue eyes and blonde hair of the girls. They are the same today as when the flag was first raised above Swedish soil.



FINLAND

Finnish heraldry dates to the 16th century. Battle flags were displayed on equal basis with the Swedish armed forces during this period. When Finland became a Grand Duchy under Russia, it was allowed the privilege of flying its own flag, similar to the present-day flag of a blue cross on a white background. The present standard was adopted in 1918 after Finland's independence from Russia. The blue signifies the sky and lakes of Finland and the white, a blanket of snow.



NORWAY

The Norwegian flag, first approved for use by merchant ships in 1821, became the national flag in 1898. The red field bears a blue cross superimposed on a broader white cross. The cross reflects Christian tradition, which began in Norway about the time the Viking period ended. Norway was united with Denmark for more than 400 years under the Danish flag, then transferred to Sweden at the end of the Napoleonic wars. Norwegians had several grievances, one of which was that they had no flag. In 1821, they decided to have their own flag.



ICELAND

The modern Icelandic flag came into existence in 1915. For Icelanders it is like a vision of their country's landscape. Of the three colors of the flag, the deep blue signifies the ocean, the red the fire, and the white the ice. The cross symbolizes the Christian faith, which the Nordic people have shared over a millennium. In the sign of the cross, the colors of the Icelandic flag united in a harmonious triad.

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